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<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b>		Docket Number (Optional) <b>75028-307894</b>
In re Application of <b>STEPHEN D. KUSLICH et al.</b>		
Application Number <b>10/627,589</b>	Filed <b>July 25, 2003</b>	
<b>For LAPAROSCOPIC SPINAL STABILIZATION SURGICAL METHOD</b>		
Group Art Unit <b>3732</b>	Examiner	

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

- ☐ One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))
- ☐ Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))
- ☒ Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) \$980
- ☐ Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))
- ☐ Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$

☐ A \_\_\_-month extension was previously paid for. Accordingly, the fees for this 3-month extension are \$\_\_\_.

☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

☒ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

☐ The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 06-0029.

I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

I am the ☐ applicant/inventor.

☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71

Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

☒ attorney or agent of record.

☐ attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).

Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a): \_\_\_\_\_.

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December 2, 2004

Date

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NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.

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